

I oppose this petition as it seeks to further diminish the requirements for earning an Amateur license. I believe Morse proficiency should remain a requirement for HF licensure because Morse is still the most reliable means of communication on HF. The skill requirement should remain for all licensed for HF. I oppose giving phone or image privileges to Technician class operators because they have not proven any meaningful knowledge of theory or HF operating practices. Let's be honest, the Technician exam is but a few questions that lean more towards rules and regulations than any significant theory. Operators licensed for HF should be required to demonstrate a degree of knowledge well beyond the current Technician written exam.

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